

The Surveyor

A Newsletter for the Surveyors Creek Public School Community

Term 4

Week 8

Wednesday 26 November 2014

Dates to Remember

28/11/14	Sports Assembly K-6 9:30am in Hall
01/12/14	P and C AGM 7:00pm in Staffroom
01/12/14	Library Monitors to Penrith Library
02/12/14	Storytime Kinder 2015 in Library at 2:40pm
03/12/14	K-2 Dog Education
03/12/14	Year 7 Orientation for 2015
05/12/14	K-2 Academic Assembly 9:45am till 11:10 recess and Captains for 2015 announced at end of assembly Yrs 3-6 Academic Assembly after recess 11:30am
08/12/14	Parent/Helper Morning Tea in Hall from 11:00am to 11:40am
10/12/14	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell Dinner at Penrith Golf Club
11/12/14	Catholic Scripture 3-6 9:15am to 9:45am. K-2 9:45am to 10:15am in Library
11/12/14	Anglican Scripture 9:15am to 10:15am in Hall
11/12/14	2015 Class Roll Over (Students to go in their new classes for 2015 for half a day) Years 1-6 from 11.30am and Kindy from 2pm
12/12/14	P&C Christmas Carols and Fair from 4:30pm to 8:30pm (Carols from 7pm to 8:30pm)
15/12/14	3-6 Bowling & Movie Day K-2 Party
17/12/14	Last Day of Term for 2014 2015
27/01/2015	Staff return (Tuesday)
28/01/2015	Years 1-6 return

Notes Home last week

"Carols at the Creek" blue note, P & C Raffle tickets blue note.

Notes home this week

YMCA holiday flyer, canteen note.

All notes are on the Website

PAYMENT/PERMISSION REMINDERS

All money should be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the secure box outside the Administration Block.

No late payments will be accepted.
Spare notes in the rack in the admin office foyer or on the school's website

Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6 in 2015) School Diary. Money \$7-00 and permission slip due by 9:10am Friday 12 December 2014.

Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6 in 2015) Canberra Excursion. Cost approximately \$210.00. A \$50-00 deposit is due by 9:10am Friday 12 December 2014 if you are wanting your child to attend. The rest of the monies by 9:10am Friday 6 March 2015.

Stages 2 and 3 Bowling Party and Movie Day. Money \$26-00 and permission slip due by 9:10am Monday 8 December 2014.

Receipts for school payments are issued by teachers to students each Friday.

CANTEEN NEWS!!!

The canteen's last day for lunch orders is Friday 5th December 2014.
Overcounter sales only available on 10th 12th 17th December 2014.

Could our existing mums who are going to volunteer again in 2015 let Cherie know asap. If any of our new mums would like to volunteer in 2015 on Wednesdays and Fridays could you please contact the school office so we can pass on your details to Cherie the Canteen Manager. Thanking you.

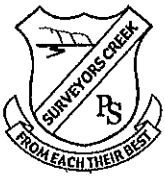
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS 8:40am to 3:25pm

School Banking will be every Tuesday.

Clothing Pool will be every second (even weeks) Thursday in the Terms: 27/11, 11/12.

ASSEMBLIES FOR 2014: K-2 Even weeks Friday afternoons at 2:15pm
3-6 Odd weeks Friday afternoons at 2:15pm



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From the Principal's desk



CAROLS AT THE CREEK

Please put Friday the 12th December in your diaries. We will be holding a Carols by Candlelight in conjunction with the P&C at our school. Stay tuned for further information. Families are welcome to bring relatives to join in the festivities on the night. We are hoping to have stalls and there will be a BBQ as well as Carols. This event is put on in conjunction with the staff and P&C. **Thank you to all the families that returned notes to inform us if they will be attending. It is still okay to come**

even if you haven't returned notes!

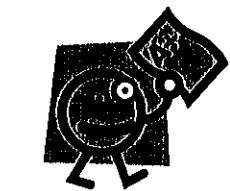
Unfortunately the proposed Wakakirri performance will not go ahead due to the inability of a number of Stage 3 students who will be unable to attend on the night. The teachers did try their best to accommodate and make adjustments but they were unable to do so. Thank you for your understanding but it is a busy time for some families.

P and C

Important Information

AGM-will be held on 1st Dec in the Staffroom commencing at 6:30pm. All welcome

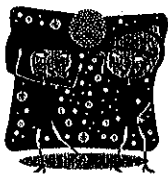
Reports and Classes for 2015



Your child's report will be going home on Friday 5th December. Along with the report will be a letter informing you of your child's class and teacher for 2015. Classes will be formed for the day on the 11th December from 11:30am so that students and teachers can get to know one and other. If you have any concerns please come and see me before the 11th. At this stage we hope that things will remain as is for the start of the 2015 school year, however, there could be some variable

organisation to classes if our numbers go up or down over the Christmas break. I thank you for your understanding and patience during this time. Our school numbers are sitting around the 527 mark for the start of the school year.

School Disco



A big thank you to our wonderful P&C who along with the students braved the heat on Friday to put on our school disco. Also to the teachers who gave up their time to attend. It was a fun event with all the children displaying wonderful Surveyors Creek behaviour.

School Vision

As part of our new 3 year Planning Cycle we have developed a vision for our fantastic school. This vision is projective and states what we will achieve over the next 5 to 10 years for our Students, Teachers and Community. Please feel free to have a look at the Vision Statement if you have any suggestions could you please put it in writing and get it to me no later than Monday 1st December.

Draft Vision Statement below:



At Surveyors Creek Public School, every student will achieve their personal best and discover their unique talents through engagement with a variety of academic, sporting and creative activities. Through the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program, there is an emphasis on developing self-esteem, self-discipline, resilience and motivation. This enables students to become responsible global citizens and 21st century learners ready to be actively engaged in the learning process and whose behaviours reflect our school motto, 'From Each Their Best'.

Our school will provide professional learning opportunities for all staff. Their diverse talents and expertise will contribute towards and be built upon to help, create and develop inspirational, committed and skilled educators. We will provide a rich learning environment that meets the changing academic, social and emotional needs of learners.

School community relationships are based on mutual respect, collaboration and open lines of communication. We support and encourage contributions from our community that create positive, educational, social and ethical outcomes.

After the consultation process we will refine our Vision Statement and it will become the ethos for all that we do at Surveyors Creek Public School.

Attention: Parents/Caregivers

Parent and Community Helper Morning Tea will be held in the hall on Monday 8th December at 11.00am – 11.40am, to thank everyone that has assisted SCPS this year. If you have helped in anyway and are available on this day, please come and join us.

Attention Parents/Caregivers

If there is an accountant in the community who could audit the P and C books for the school it would be appreciated. Please contact Mrs Poli in the office on 47379571.

Attention Parents/Caregivers

There is a small amount of jewellery in the front office so if anyone has lost the odd earring etc please contact the office.

Dog Educator Visiting K-2

On Wednesday 3rd December, a team from the Responsible Pet Education Program of NSW will visit classes from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

The presenter and her dog, will discuss issues about owning a pet and responsibilities such as playing with dogs, identification tags, yearly vaccinations and visiting the vet.

They will also highlight safety around animals including:

- the rules of what to do if you see or are approached by an *angry* dog
- what to do if you see a *scared* dog
- what to do if you see a *dangerous* dog
- happy dogs
- the times when you do not pat a dog, including your own
- not to be cruel to or tease a dog
- how to say hello to a dog safely.

There is NO CHARGE for this incursion.

Thanks

Mrs Bronwyn Whelan
Assistant Principal

PBL AWARDS FOR WEEK 7 AND 8

Charlise Cameron	1/2C	Ribbon
Conner Agius Banovic	1/2C	Ribbon
Sienna Hackworthy	1/2C	Ribbon
Claire Pruss	1/2C	Ribbon
Olivia Barrett	1/2/C	Ribbon
Neave Bottrill	1/2C	Ribbon
Harrison Saliba	1/2C	Ribbon
Analise Zammit	5/6JM	Ribbon
Ewan Xuereb	3N	Ribbon
Alexander Soriano	1B	Ribbon
Trinity-Lee Wensley	5/6L	Ribbon
Joshua White	1/2C	Ribbon
Liam Costello	3N	Ribbon
Dominic Godfrey	KP	Ribbon
Nicholas Galuszka	1/2C	Ribbon
Emma Norrish	3/4H	Ribbon
Hayley Stasiuk	2H	Ribbon
Alessandro Siracusa	1B	Ribbon
Andrea Siracusa	KK	Ribbon
Johann Ah-colt	KK	Ribbon
Lucas Norrish	1CW	Ribbon

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The kindness of our Surveyors Creek families is incredible! We have filled over six large boxes with food and drink. Thankyou so much for everything you have donated so far to our Christmas Hampers appeal. You are providing a great support to families in the Penrith area.

Each week we will continue to collect a different type of food:

Week 8: Cereal

Week 9: Snack foods

Week 10: Tea, Coffee, Milo or other instant powdered drinks.

Also if you own or are a manager of a business or a shop and would be interested in donating something non-perishable for these hampers or you can help in another way please see Mrs Blackwell.

We are also looking for anyone who owns a ute or a van and would be willing to help transport these goods locally during the last two weeks of school. If you can help in this way please see Mrs Blackwell.

The SRC thanks you for your support in this.

STEWART HOUSE HIGH BOUNCE BALLS

We will be selling high bounce balls to help raise money for Stewart House on Wednesday morning and afternoon over the next two weeks. The balls are \$3 each and will be available under the COLA.

Thankyou
SCPS SRC

ADHD PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have a child with ADHD or ADD?

Meet other parents who understand the struggles and joys of parenting a child with ADD or ADHD.

Come along for a chat about life with ADD/ADHD, emotional support, ideas and resource, parenting tools, and the latest research.

3rd Monday of the month 7:30pm to 9:00pm

South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre

Questions? Call Narelle on 0409 986 121



End of year

Hasn't 2014 gone quickly? This is the **last week for borrowing** as we are now heading towards the end of the year and trying to get all our resources back in the library ASAP to allow for our annual stocktake.

Overdue, lost and damaged books

Overdue notices will be going home with your child/ren this week. If there are any books listed on this note that you are certain have been returned, please let me know. If you know a book has been lost or damaged, you have three options:

1. Check the cost of the book on the overdue notice, bring the notice with you and pay that amount to Mrs Brennen or Mrs Clark in the front office.
2. Donate a replacement copy of the book to the library. Please bring in your overdue notice with the book you are donating.
3. Donate another appropriate book in good condition to the library. Bring the overdue notice in with your donation.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this process.

Volunteers

Anyone who can help shelving, tidying and organising the resources in the library over the next two or three weeks as we move towards stocktake, the busiest time of the library year, will be welcomed with open arms, and some Tim Tams too!

Stage 3 board game projects

This term, 5CW and 5/6L have been creating board games based on picture books. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to create such high-quality projects, particularly the following students: Liam Austin, Bree Fitzpatrick, Hana Hallani, Summer Northey, Lily Reid, Ellie Smyth, Kunja Subedi, Samantha Thatcher and Hayley Wacker. What a sensational effort!

Children's Author Roadshow

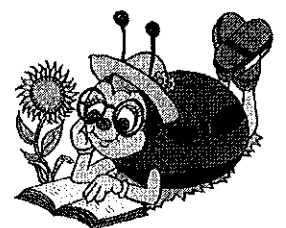
Next Monday, as thanks to the Library Monitors who have helped out in 2014, they will be joining me on an excursion to participate in the Children's Author Roadshow at Penrith City Library. We will be meeting Tony Flowers, Libby Gleeson, Belinda Murrell and James O'Loughlin. We'll let you know how we go in the next Newsletter.

Lost property

We have a plethora of unclaimed, unnamed lost property in the library. Please come and check through the items and find any jumpers, jackets, hats or lunch boxes you have lost. The lost property tubs will be outside the library for your convenience this Thursday afternoon and every afternoon next week. In week 10 any remaining unclaimed, unnamed lost property will be donated to the clothing pool or charity as appropriate.

Happy reading!

Cathy Lamond





Nepean College
Kingswood Campus

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 - **Skills for Work & Training - English and Computing**
English and Aged Care Nursing
- Information Day Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 10am, Room K1.22
Kingswood Campus, 12-44 O'Connell St, Kingswood

☎ **Marla Reid (02) 92089545**

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Information Day Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 11am, Room K1.22
Kingswood Campus, 12-44 O'Connell St, Kingswood
- **Skills for Work & Training – Coffee Making – Introduction to Hospitality**
Information Day Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 11am, Room K1.23
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Enquiries are welcome at any time
Course information: 47248244
TAFE NSW, Western Sydney Institute
Nepean College
Kingswood Campus 12-44 O'Connell St, Kingswood 2747

CAROLS AT THE CREEK

When: Friday 12 December 2014
Where: Surveyors Creek Public School
Time: 4:30pm to 8:30pm
Sausage Sizzle: from 4:30pm to 6:30pm put on by the P & C
Christmas Stalls: from 4:30pm to 7:00pm
Who's welcome: Students, parents, carers, relatives and friends of Surveyors Creek.
What to bring: a rug to sit on, chair if you can't sit on the ground, picnic basket, torch and great singing voices!

There will be Jumping Castles, Coffee Van, Christmas Raffle and Hamper Prizes and Glow Sticks candles for sale. Please see blue note that went home last week.

The Christmas Experience at the Imagine Nations Church

Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th of December 2014. 4:30pm gates open to the experience, Carols begin at 5:30pm. Reserve your free priority seating at inchurch.com.au/Christmas or just turn up for available seating on the night. Free parking.

The "Marketplace" will be open after the Carols for dinner and snacks.

The phone number is 4736 3000. The Imagine Nations Church is at Simeon Road, Orchard Hills.